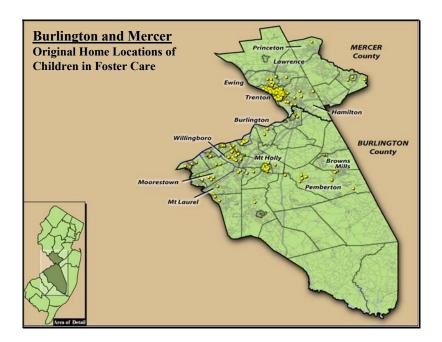


This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the two counties during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports for a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

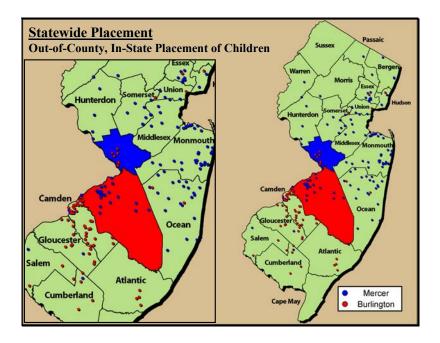
In Burlington County, which ranked thirteenth in the state for number of abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (18 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Pemberton Township (348), Willingboro (205), Mt. Holly (191) and Burlington City (163).

In Mercer County, which ranked fifth in the state for the amount of alleged child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children (26.1 per 1,000), Trenton (1,611), Hamilton (261) and Ewing (101) had the highest numbers of alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect.



As of June 2003, a total of 543 children from Burlington and Mercer counties are in foster care. Sixty two percent of these children are from Mercer County (335), with 91 percent of Mercer County children coming from Trenton (304).

In Burlington County, 208 children are in foster care with 45 percent coming from Mt. Holly (38), Pemberton Township (31) and Willingboro (25).



As of June 2003, only 41 percent of the 543 children in foster care from these two counties have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. These children were placed in foster homes in both Southern and Central Jersey.

Burlington County has close to 39 percent of its children placed in out-of-county foster homes (80 children). Nearly 59 percent of those out-of-county placements are in Camden (37) and Gloucester (10) counties.

Mercer County placed 42 percent (142) of its children in out-of-county foster homes. Fifty eight percent of those children were placed in Monmouth (32), Burlington (27), and Ocean (23) counties.